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The Honorable Mark Udall
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Udall:

Thank you for your letter of November 1, 2007, in which you requested that the Department of the Navy participate in a discussion to identify cleanup options and identify areas of responsibility regarding buildings formerly occupied by the Navy on the Colorado State Fairgrounds property in Pueblo, Colorado. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

As you may know, the former Naval Reserve Center buildings were constructed by the Navy on property leased from the Colorado State Fair. The Navy and Army Reserves vacated the facilities in the early 1990s. The Navy subsequently conducted environmental cleanup on the property, including friable asbestos removal, then terminated the lease in December 1999 in accordance with its terms.

The Navy believes it has met all of its environmental cleanup responsibilities for this property under applicable regulations and the lease, but would be pleased to participate in a discussion with the Colorado State Fair, the Colorado Department of Health, and the Environmental Protection Agency to help establish the relevant facts and related responsibilities for any remaining cleanup. CDR Andrew Schulman in the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, at (703) 695-5277, is the Navy point of contact to make arrangements for such a discussion.

A similar response has been sent to Representative Salazar. As always, if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BJ Penn", is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

BJ Penn